

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0161] with the following amended paragraph:

[0161] Thus, the header, objects 1 through 13 of the body and the correlation reference table of PDF file 42 are processed one by one and, as a consequence, the header, object 2, which is a catalog object, object 6, which is a resource object, object 10, which is a font object, object 12, which is a font information object, and the data of correlation reference table are deleted from RAM 203. Objects 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 13, which are content objects, are assigned with identification names "content 1," "content 2," "content 3," "content 4," "content 5" and "content 6" respectively to be registered on the object information table, and the contents of the objects are printed with the identification names. FIG. 30 shows the final registration status of the object information table 623. Printed items 531, 532, 534 through 536, and 539 of FIG. 31 show the results of outputting objects 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 13 by printer 20C. Moreover, object 4 and object 11, which are page objects, are registered on the object information table, being assigned with identification names "page A" and "page B" respectively, and the identification names of said objects and the identification names of the content objects contained therein are printed. Printed items 533 and 538 of FIG. 31 show the output results of object 4 and 11 by printer 20C.

Please replace paragraph [0168] with the following amended paragraph:

[0168] In other words, in FIG. 25, among the constituent data of PDF file 42 stored in RAM 203, printer 20E processes them starting with the head data as in the case of printer 20B in the second embodiment. In processing object 1, which is a content

object, printer 20E registers the information of object 1 assigning an identification name to object 1, analyzes the data of object 1, extracts and stores the size information only to the object information table, and advances to the processing of the next head data stored in RAM 203 without outputting the contents of the content object. The size information of other content objects, i.e., object 3, object 5 and object 7, are obtained similarly. In case a memory overflow occurs, the size information of the content objects are compared at the time when all the constituent data (data of the header and objects 1 through 7) of PDF file 42 stored in RAM 203 are processed, and object 1, object 3 and object are printed out in combination on the same paper together with the character strings, "content 1," "content 2," and "content 3," which are their identification names (refer to printed item 551). In order to combine object 1, object 3 and object 5 more space-efficiently, their positional information is disregarded and they are laid out, for example, from the top left corner in sequence. Next, the data for object 1, object 3 and object 5 are deleted from RAM 203, and the constituent data of the PDF file is successively received so long as it can fit into the vacant space available in RAM 203. Printed items 552 and 553 are outputted by processing them similarly and the table of contents for PDF file 42 is prepared and outputted similar to the case of printer 20B in the first embodiment to complete the entire process. Thus, it is possible to output the content objects combined more space-efficiently, hence minimizing the volume of printed items compared to the second embodiment.